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SUBJECT: TERRORIST THREAT AGAINST US EMBASSIES IN EASTERN
EUROPE

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1. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE CURRENT STATE OF U.S.-POLISH
RELATIONS WHICH WOULD LEAD US TO CONCLUDE THAT THE POLISH
WARNING OF A POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACK IS ONLY AN ELABORATE
MEANS OF JUSTIFYING INCREASED SURVEILLANCE OF THE EMBASSY.
SLIGHTLY MORE LIKELY, BUT STILL IMPROBABLE, IS THE THEORY
THAT WE ARE WITNESSING DELAYED PSYCHOLOGICAL RETALIATION
FOR THE PIPE-BOMB EXPLOSION OUTSIDE THE POLISH CONSULATE

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IN NEW YORK ON JANUARY 16 OR THE ACTIVITIES OF "FREE

POLAND" IN THE UNITED STATES, WITH WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS FAMILIAR. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE POLES ARE GOING TO CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE AND TROUBLE TO MOUNT WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY A CHARADE. WE CONSIDER IT MOST PROBABLE THAT THE POLES HAVE ACTUALLY OBTAINED A REPORT, EITHER IN LONDON OR FROM A RECENT TRAVELLER THERE, TO WHICH THEY BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO REACT.

2. THIS MORNING THERE ARE EIGHT MILITIAMEN VISIBLE AROUND THE EMBASSY AND STAFF HOUSING COMPLEX. YESTERDAY EVENING THERE WERE ELEVEN MEN ON DUTY AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE INSTEAD OF THE USUAL SINGLE MILITIAMAN. FOUR ARE ON DUTY THIS MORNING. AT OUR REQUEST, MILITIA CARS ARE NOW PARKED ACROSS FROM THE AMERICAN SCHOOL AND THE TRADE CENTER. THESE GUARDS ARE MAKING NO EFFORT TO IMPEDE OR INTIMIDATE VISITORS AND THE MILITIA AT THE EMBASSY REMAIN IN THEIR GUARD-BOXES OR IN CARS PARKED NEARBY.

3. WE CONSIDER THE LIKLIHOOD OF AN INCIDENT TO BE EXTREMELY SMALL, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS.

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